(c) whether any proposal from Punjab regarding the declaration of new roads as National Highways and development of present National Highways is pending with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present stage of their pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Funds for the development and maintenance of National Highways are released only for sanctioned works taking into account the requirement protected by the State/Union Territory Governments, their admissibility and availability of funds for the purpose during each year.

(b) Funds finally allotted to Punjab for the development and maintenance of National Highway in the State during the last three are indicate below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Development of National Highways	Maintenance of National Highways
1983-84	527.70	168.22
1984-85	701.12	194.11
1985-86	877.68	240.91

(c) and (d) During the Sixth Plan, the State Govt. had proposed the following two routes for being declared as National Highways:—

(i) Chandigarh-Fazilka (via) Ludhiana-Moga-Ferozpur; and

(ii) Chandigarh-Bhatinda (via) Patiala-Sangrur-Barnala.

However, owing to limitation of resources and other priority considerations, we are not in a position to declare either of these routes as National Highways.

Ernakulam-Kayankulam coastal Railway line

909. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to release adequate funds for the completion of the Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayankulam Coastal railway line as was announced by the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Prime Minister during his recent visit to Kerala had formally inaugurated the construction of Alleppey-Kayankulam line and had announced additional funds for Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayankulam new lines.

Additional Rs. 5.25 crore have been reappropriated to these New Line projects in addition to original allotment of Rs. 4 crore for 86-87.